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Examiner : Lien Thuy Tran
Applicants : Cheree L. B. Stevens et al.
Appln. No. : 09/778,470
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For : WATER-DISPERSIBLE COATING COMPOSITION
FOR FRIED FOODS AND THE LIKE

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

In the Specification:

Please substitute new pages 12-15.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-48.

Please add new claims 49-111.

49. (New) A food coating composition comprising from about 25% to about 70% by weight of the combination of a rice component and a dextrin component in a ratio of rice component to dextrin component of from about 1:2 to about 5:1, said composition being substantially free of corn starch, and substantially free of starches made from plants crossbred or modified to contain either the dull sugary 2 genotype or the amylose extender dull